

**Minutes of the Grinnell City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 3, 2006**

The City Council of the City of Grinnell met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Grinnell Community Center, 927 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa, at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2006. Mayor Canfield presided.

Roll Call:               PRESENT:   White, McNaul, Worley, Wright, Wilson.  
                          ABSENT:     Witt.

Canfield noted the next regular council session and committee sessions will be Tuesday, January 17, 2005 to observe the Martin Luther King holiday.

Canfield then announced the mayor pro tem and new committee assignments.

**PERFECTING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WHITE, to approve the Amended Agenda and the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: (5) ayes, motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A.     Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, December 19, 2005 Regular Session.
- B.     Approval of the Class LC Liquor License Renewal for Kelcy's, 812 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, to pay all bills where funds are available. Roll Call: Ayes: White, Worley, Wright, Wilson, McNaul. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS/COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

- A.     Finance Committee: December 19, 21 and 22, 2005
- B.     Public Safety Committee: December 20, 2005
- C.     Renaissance Board: December 20, 2005
- D.     Memorial Commission: December 20, 2005
- E.     Thank You: Linda VanErsvelde, Wanda Shults

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**

- A.     Report from the Finance Committee.
  - Continued review of the Public Services proposed budget.

White stated the committee reviewed the remainder of the Public Services budget proposal. The upcoming budget meeting schedule is available at the city offices.

- Review of the requests for assistance from the Campbell Fund.

The requests were approved as presented.

- B. Report from the Planning Committee.
  - o Update in regard to the Highway 146 South Task Force.

Worley commented the appendix will be presented to city staff by Monday, January 9, 2006. Once the draft is received it will be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their review and comment.

- o Discussion in regard to the proposed voluntary annexations for Highway 146 South.

Staff updated the council that they continue to work on this project. It was discussed the city currently retains ownership of property that will be part of the annexation.

Moved by WORLEY, second by MCNAUL, to authorize the Mayor to sign the voluntary annexation petition on behalf of the city. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Worley, McNaul, White, Wilson, Wright. Motion carried.

- o Update on the Urban Renewal Amendment for the Renaud Subdivision.

Staff will present documents for council consideration at a later date.

- o Review of the Preliminary Plat for the Lang Creek Crossing Development Phase II and the master conceptual plan.

This item has been forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation.

- o Review of the request for rezoning submitted by Magnum Development.

This item has also been forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The request represents the balance of the land remaining in the subdivision that has not been re-zoned.

- o Review of the concept plan for R & B Rental.

A concept plan has been proposed for a portion of the land currently under review for voluntary annexation. The committee reviewed concerns based on the newly developed architectural guidelines for the Highway 146 South corridor. The committee will work with the developer to move the project along as quickly as possible as long as the project complies with city ordinances. The developer will provide a preliminary plat for a portion of the land.

White reiterated his concern about including all property along the corridor as part of the pending annexation. Worley stated one of the remaining property owners has agreed to meet with city officials to discuss voluntary annexation.

- C. Report from the Public Works and Grounds Committee.

- o Discussion in regard to the Park Task Force.

McNaul explained the committee discussed the next steps of the process and additional meetings that will be scheduled to review the RFP and a job description. Tentative dates are:

Task Force Members are encouraged to attend the regular Park Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Community Center in the City Council Chambers.

Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center in the 1st Floor Conference Room.

Monday, February 13, 2006 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center in the 1st Floor Conference Room.

Monday, February 27, 2006 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center in the 1st Floor Conference Room.

- Review and accept Task I, Phase I, technical report for the municipal swimming pool from Burbach Aquatics.

McNaul explained the next phase will entail the consultant meeting with citizens to develop a vision for the municipal pool. The process will assist in determining the amenities should be added to the facility as well as specific items that need to be improved or upgraded.

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WORLEY, to allocate \$2,000.00 for consulting fess and to proceed with Phase II in regard to the municipal swimming pool. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, Worley, Wright, Wilson, White. Motion carried.

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WHITE, to accept the report with no changes or amendments. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, White, Wilson, Wright, Worley. Motion carried.

- Review of the storm water utility information.

McNaul updated the council on work completed by staff for the implementation of a storm water utility. The city has not made any major improvements to the system since 1973 and the system is now in need of attention. This item will be reviewed at the next regular meeting.

- Discussion in regard to the banning of open burning.

This item was not discussed due to the lack of time remaining in the meeting. It will be placed on the next regular agenda.

D. Report from the Public Safety Committee.  
(Please Note: This meeting was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2005.)

- Review of the rural fire association agreements and the ambulance service agreements.

Wilson commented the committee directed staff to notify affected parties that negotiation for the new contracts will begin in 2006. Six months of notification is required if the city intends to change any provisions of the contract. Wilson stated the contracts have not been modified for several years and now require extensive updating to comply with current times and operations. The committee has requested a third party assist with the process and feel the outside assistance will be very beneficial. The consultant, George Oster, will be present for the second meeting in January and will be available for all townships to visit with. The committee will then begin meeting with the rural association and townships to commence negotiations.

The committee will also address the negotiation of the current ambulance service agreement with both Poweshiek County and affected Jasper County Townships.

- Review of the contract proposed by Racom Corporation for the purchase and installation of radio transmitting equipment for the Grinnell Police Department.

Staff continues to wait for response from the city attorney in regard to the contract. The contract is in regard to equipment being purchased for lap top computers that will be placed in the police cars. This would allow in car report writing, automated traffic tickets, and access to the Iowa system (license plate checks, driver's license checks, and transmission of photographs.) This is a much safer and much more efficient operation for the department. Once the contract is finalized, the equipment will be installed within 60 days. This project has been previously approved and the project cost will be funded with capital loan notes.

Wilson reviewed inquiries in regard to no parking requests made by Fairview School.

E. Mayor's Committee Appointment Recommendations:

- There are no appointments at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

FINAL READING OF THE ORDINANCE:

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, conduct the final reading of Ordinance No. 1262: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II, SECTION 16-17 (Membership, officers; terms and compensation pertaining to the Recreation Board.)" Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Worley, McNaul, Wright, Wilson. Motion carried.

Moved by WORLEY, second by WITT, to conduct the final reading of Ordinance No. 1263: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13-503 (ONE-WAY ALLEYS.)" Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wilson, Worley, Wright, McNaul, White. Motion carried.

INQUIRIES:

White requested the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Park Avenue be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

Behrens commented in regard to the completion of the Arbor Lake project. The final component of the project, installation of the information sign, has not yet been completed. The city has requested an additional extension of time for the installation; however Behrens is unsure if it will be granted.

ADJOURN:

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WHITE, to adjourn this regular session of the city council at 7:33 p.m. Vote: (5) ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Gordon Canfield, Mayor

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Cassandra R. Hage, City Clerk